The quantum of exports of Assam tea however would be difficult to determine as in most cases tea goes out in blended form,

Modernisation of Tea Auction Centre, Guwahati

6058. SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tea marketed through Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati during 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of tea marketed through other agencies outside the Assam during the above period;

(c) whether there is any scheme to modernise the Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati to attract more business; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total quantity of tea marketed through Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati during April, '91 to February, '92 is estimated at 135.95 Million kgs.

(b) The quantity of total tea marketed through other agencies outside Assam during the period from April, 1991 to February, 1992 is estimated at 335.83 million kgs.

(c) and (d). No scheme of modernisation of Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati has been received either from Guwahati Tea Auction Committee or any Tea association.

Grants-in-Aid to Institutions to Promote Studies and Research is Law

6059. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to promote studies and research in law, some institutions are being provided grants/in aid by the Department of Legal Affairs;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions and the criteria fro the same;

(c) whether the Government propose to relax the existing criteria to cover more institutions in future, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Law Institute, the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies and the International Law Association (Regional Branch-India) are receiving regular annual grants-in-aid from the Department of Legal Affair. The criterial for the sanctioning of grants-in-aid by Government Departments, as laid down in the General Financial Rules, 1963, are also applicable to these institutions.

(c) and (d). The existing criterial do not limit the number of institutions to which grants-in-aid could be given by the Government. Every request is considered on merits.

Recommendations of National Transport Policy Committee.

6060. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by National Transport Policy Commit-